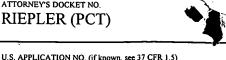
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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. RIEPLER (PCT)



TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AT99/00260

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE **NOVEMBER 3, 1999**

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED **NOVEMBER 12, 1998**

TITLE OF INVENTION

FLEXIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN SPORTS DEVICE AND SHOE APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US BERNHARD RIEPLER Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. X This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. ___ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. X This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l). X A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2) a. X is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau) W b. ____ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. ____ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [7]X A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). a. ___ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. ____ have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. ___ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. ____ have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <u>X</u> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. X An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. X An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

10. ___ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36

13. X A FIRST preliminary amendment.

(35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

- A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. ___ A substitute specification.
- 15. ___ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16. X Other items or information:

PCT/ISA/210 - Int'l. Search Report (English)

6 Sheets of Formal Drawings

Applicant Claims Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of Austrian Application No. A1890/98 filed November 12, 1998. Applicant Claims Priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of: PCT No. PCT/AT99/00260 filed November 3, 1999.

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X The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):					
Search Report has be	en prepared by the EPO c				
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)\$690.00					
Neither international preliminary examination fee paid (37 CFR 1.82) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO\$1,000.00					
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4)				\$ 860.00	
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =					
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		-
Total Claims	28 - 20 =	-8 -	X \$18.00	\$ 144.00	
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	- 0 -	X \$80.00	\$	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) + \$270.00				\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,004.00	/ And an
Reduction by 1/2 for Small Entity status.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$1,004.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
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Feder recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				See cover sheet attached to assign \$ to be charged to Deposit Acct	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1,004.00	
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<u>}-</u>		•		charged	\$
Applicant claims Small Entity status. a. +X A check in the amount of \$1,004.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b Please charge my Deposit Account No. 03-2468 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. cX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: COLLARD & ROE, P.C. 1077 Northern Boulevard Roslyn, New York 11576-1696 (516) 365-9802 Edward R. Freedman					
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Express Mail No. EL 769 391 305 US Date of Deposit May 11, 2001 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Ass't. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231					

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